(b) if so, the details of the Committees constituted so far, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have noticed any lapse by any departments in constituting such committees; and

(d) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The Supreme court, in the judgement delivered in August, 1997 in the case of Vishaka and Others Vs. State of Rajasthan and Others, laid down norms and guidelines to be followed by the employees or other responsible persons in the workplaces or other institutions to prevent or deter the commission of acts of sexual harassment and to provide the procedures for resolution, settlement or prosecution of acts of sexual harassment by taking all steps required, including setting up of complaints committee to redress the complaint made by the victim.

(b) The matter falls in the purview of the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The National Commission for Women (NCW) has informed that according to the information which became available during the interactive meetings held by it since November, 2000 with various organizations including State Government Departments, complaints committees had not been formed in a number of cases. The committee which existed did not have 50% reservation for women.

In July, 2004 and again in May, 2005, the Department of Women and Child Development emphasized to all Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments and Union Territory Administrations the need to ensure the setting up of complaints committee as per the guidelines laid down in the Supreme Court's judgement and their proper functioning.

Pre-Metric Scholarship in Madhya Pradesh

†2745. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend economic assistance to Madhya Pradesh for awarding pre-metric scholarship;

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(b) if so, by when such orders would be issued; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Government of India has a scheme, namely, the National Merit Scholarship Scheme, under which scholarship is given to meritorious/talented students of class IX & X from rural areas. The scheme is opened to all the States/ UTs, including Madhya Pradesh.

Pay disadvantage to teaching community

2746. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a major cumulative career pay disadvantage for the teaching community in the higher education sector as compared to group 'A' Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any specific proposals under Government's consideration to improve the pay scales and other incentives for the teachers in the higher education sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Hindi Medium in University of Delhi

†2747. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of students of the University of Delhi are studying through Hindi medium, if so, the number thereof;

(b) whether students studying through Hindi medium are not able to get all the text-books and reference materials in Hindi medium;

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